

Congressman Herger issued the following statement after President Obama spoke before a Joint Session of Congress about health care:

"I'm concerned that President Obama is continuing his pattern of saying one thing and doing something different. And despite his claims of looking for a bipartisan solution, the President hasn't held a meeting with House Republicans since April. Instead, he and Speaker Pelosi have attempted to rush a government takeover of health care through Congress against the wishes of the American people. Over the last month thousands of everyday Americans stood up and soundly rejected government-run health care that would explode our deficit.

"Republicans are offering proposals that would help reform our system and have an immediate effect on costs. By implementing serious medical liability reform, we can save up to \$200 billion per year. We can lower costs and extend access to affordable coverage. And we can do all of this without a government takeover, higher taxes on the American people or an unsustainable new entitlement. The people I spoke to during town halls made it very clear: it's time for a new plan."